Washington, DC – Congressman Bruce Braley (D-lowa) released the following statement today in honor of the ninth anniversary of the September 11 attacks.

"Nine years ago, we watched in horror as terrorists attacked America. As the planes crashed into the Twin Towers, the Pentagon and a field in Pennsylvania, we watched helplessly, praying for the well-being of friends and strangers alike. Many Americans showed outstanding courage that day, and many innocent men, women and children lost their lives.

"While time has slowly passed, we must never forget the bravery and sacrifice not only of those who lost their lives on September 11, but also those who have made the ultimate sacrifice since then. September 11, 2001 was a day that changed the trajectory of our nation. It is my hope that we can honor the memory of those we lost by appealing to our better angels, creating a better, stronger nation not in spite of our differences, but because of them."